

OPERATION BUDGET FISCAL NOTE

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

6/28/12
Austin Resource Recovery and Code Compliance

SUBJECT:

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-6, relating to private solid waste collection service; reporting of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials; vehicle and container licensing; and education.

FY2013 YEAR IMPACT:

Project Name:	Hauler License
Project Authorization:	FY11-12 Proposed Operating Budget
Fund/Department	5040-1500
Funding Source:	Hauler License Fee
Proposed Revenues:	\$ 810,000.00
Proposed Expenditures:	\$ 810,000.00
Remaining Balance:	<u>\$ -</u>

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The purpose of the ordinance is to ensure solid waste collection service's collection vehicles and containers meet sanitary and safety standards before the City issues a license to conduct business in the City and to require solid waste collection services to report the tons of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials hauled. This semi-annual reporting supports the diversion reporting requirements of the City of Austin Universal Recycling Ordinance. Overall, this will facilitate the City's progress in line with the Council-approved Zero Waste Strategic Plan, adopted with Resolution No.20090115-050. Also, under the ordinance, the Department of Code Compliance will manage licensing, enforcement, and an education program.

The following amendments to City Code, Chapter 15-6 are recommended:

- 1) Authorize the Department of Code Compliance to provide education to solid waste collection services about ordinance requirements.
- 2) Authorize the Department of Code Compliance to manage the license application/renewal process for vehicles and containers and enforce the ordinance.
- 3) Require solid waste haulers to provide documentation of a state annual vehicle inspection with a license application/renewal with proof of updated insurance to the Department of Code Compliance.
- 4) Require solid waste haulers to report the tons of solid waste, recyclables, and organic materials hauled on a semi-annual basis.
- 5) Replace a quarterly vehicle operating fee with an annual vehicle operating fee.